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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE FROM USUN 6 NOVEMBER REPEATED

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MIDDLE EAST

1. SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JANKOWITSCH TELEPHONED  
AMBASSADOR BENNETT MIDDAY NOVEMBER 6 TO SAY THAT SOME  
MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WERE BEGINNING TO TALK ABOUT NEED FOR  
SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IN VIEW ISRAELI FAILURE TO AGREE  
TO WITHDRAWAL TO OCTOBER 22 CEASE FIRE LINES. SC  
PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD VISIT FROM KENYAN REP ODERO-JOWI  
WHO SAID OPINION IN THE COUNCIL WAS INCREASINGLY FED UP  
WITH ISRAELI FOOT-DRAGGING AND WAS COALESCING IN FAVOR OF  
MEETING TO CALL ISRAEL DIRECTLY TO ACCOUNT.

2. BENNETT STRESSED COMPLEXITIES OF CURRENT SITUATION  
SAYING ISRAELIS WERE OBVIOUSLY HOLDING UP ON WITHDRAWAL  
TO OCTOBER 22 LINES IN VIEW FAILURE OF EGYPT AND SYRIA  
TO RETURN WAR PRISONERS. JANKOWITSCH ACKNOWLEDGED THIS  
BUT SAID HIS POSITION WAS DIFFICULT ONE AND HE COULD  
NOT HOLD OUT INDEFINITELY AS PRESSURE FOR MEETING  
CONTINUED TO GROW. HE READILY ADMITTED BENNETT'S POINT RE  
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UNDESIRABILITY OF HAVING SC MEETING HERE WHILE SECRETARY

KISSINGER IN CAIRO ENGAGED IN WHAT COULD BE CLIMACTIC NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID HE COULD HOLD OFF TODAY BUT ANTICIPATED HE WOULD BE UNDER INCREASINGLY HEAVY DEMANDS TOMORROW. HE UNDERSTOOD SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MEETING WITH SADAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR 11 A.M. NOVEMBER 7 IN CAIRO, WHICH WOULD BE ABOUT DAWN OF SAME DAY HERE IN NEW YORK. THEREFORE HE WOULD BE UNDER PRESSURE TO CALL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 7. BENNETT POINTED OUT THAT IT TOOKTIME TO GET REPORTS OF SUCH MEETING AND WE SHOULD NOT RUSH INTO MEETING WHICH COULD BE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE STERILE DEBATE AND HARSH RECRIMINATIONS. JANKOWITSCH SAIDHE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO HOLD THE LINE BUT EMPHASIZED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT INDEFINITELY.

3. WE PLAN TO SPEAK TO KEY NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF SC EARLY NOV 7 IN EFFORT TO SLOW THEM DOWN. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AMMUNITION DEPT CAN SUPPLY. US WOULD, OF COURSE, BEAR BRUNT OF PRESSURE IN SC.

4. DEPT MAY WISH TO ADVISE SECRETARY'S PARTY OF FOREGOING.  
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